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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7160

BILL NUMBER: SB 510

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 26, 2013

BILL AMENDED: Feb 21, 2013

SUBJECT: Substitute Natural Gas Contracts.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Eckerty

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Crouch

BILL STATUS: As Passed Senate

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) The bill requires the Indiana Finance Authority to submit a final purchase contract, including amendments, and any other agreements with a producer of SNG to the Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC). It authorizes the IURC, after notice and hearing, to approve, reject, or modify a final purchase contract if in the public interest. It specifies certain factors the IURC must consider before taking action and requires the IURC to issue a final order within 180 days. The bill requires a court to award attorney's fees to the prevailing party in a civil action related to a final purchase contract. It authorizes the IURC to adopt rules, including rules establishing filing deadlines.

The bill also requires the IURC to study the sales price of natural gas and report the study results to the Regulatory Flexibility Committee in an electronic format not later than November 1, 2013.

Effective Date: (Amended) Upon passage; May 15, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) The activities specified in the bill relating to IURC actions on a final purchase contract or to conduct a study of the natural gas market are within the usual and customary operations of the IURC. As a result, the IURC should be able to implement the provisions of the bill within its current resources.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: IURC.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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